

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE  
COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

JOHN V. BIVONA, et al.,  
Defendants.

Case No. [16-cv-01386-EMC](#)

**ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT  
FRANK MAZZOLA AND RELIEF-  
DEFENDANT MICHELE MAZZOLA'S  
COUNSELS' MOTION TO WITHDRAW  
AS ATTORNEYS OF RECORD**

Docket No. 176

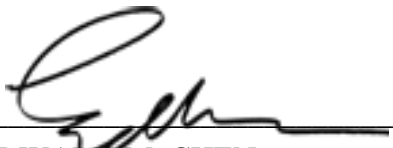
Counsel for Defendant Franz Mazzola and Relief-Defendant Michele Mazzola move to withdraw as attorneys of record on the ground that Defendants have failed to pay the agreed upon attorneys' fees due and owing. Docket No. 176. Failure to pay attorneys' fees constitutes good cause to withdraw under the California Rules of Professional Conduct. *Kirkland v. Golden Boy Promotions*, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 198853, \*3 (C.D. Cal. May 8, 2013). Defendants do not oppose the instant motion; to the contrary, they previously stipulated to substituting themselves as *pro se* parties. Docket No. 173.

The Court **GRANTS** the motion to withdraw. Defendants are reminded that *pro se* parties are expected to comply with all applicable rules, including the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Civil Local Rules of this District.

This order disposes of Docket No. 176.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: April 25, 2017

  
EDWARD M. CHEN  
United States District Judge